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Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 a.m., 8 U.S. destroyers will meet

"Constitution" off Ambrose Lightship and escort it to Gravesend Bay where 7 destroyers will leave and return to sea. Other destroyer (The Lee) will stand by. At 6:00 a.m. a Coast Guard cutter will leave Pier 9 East River and proceed to the meeting point in Gravesend Bay. Aboard cutter will be members of U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Customs, American Export Line officials, SY agents, ~~and~~ members of the press, Ambassador ~~Khayyal~~ and Mr. Duce. No press on destroyer. At about 7:00 a.m., His Majesty and party of about 15 will leave "Constitution" in Gravesend Bay and board destroyer ~~standing~~ standing by. A 21 gun salute will be fired as King boards destroyer. "Constitution" will then proceed to American Export Line Pier at 44th Street and North River. Destroyer will proceed to Pier 26 North River at Beach Street where King and party will debark and be greeted by Ambassador Lodge, Personal Representative of the President, and U.N. Chief of Protocol. Navy Band will play national anthems of both Saudi Arabia and U.S., an Honor Guard of U.S. Marines will be drawn up at attention. After final honors are completed, visiting delegation at Pier will then be presented to His Majesty. Names to follow. When presentation

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has been completed, His Majesty and party will enter autos and proceed under Police escort to Waldorf. When "Constitution" docks at Pier 84, other members of party will leave ship immediately and be taken by elevator from Top Deck of Pier to Lower Deck where autos will be waiting to escort them to Waldorf. At Pier 84 there will be 3 military trucks, provided by Air Force, to transport baggage to Waldorf.

Air Force fly over "Constitution" will take place on afternoon of 28th about 250 miles at sea. Formation will consist of bombers of SAJ type.

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